



# Foggy Bottom News

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## At the September FBA Meeting

FBA President Robert Brewster convened the FBA meeting, and reported briefly on two summer FBA Executive Board meetings.

FBA Vice President Holsey G. Handyside reported on major events of the summer regarding the Whitehurst Freeway in sequence of their occurrence:

1. *The establishment jointly by the ANC and the FBA on July 25 of the Foggy Bottom/West End Community Advisory Committee on the Whitehurst Freeway.* Mr. Handyside reported that formation of this advisory committee was prompted by persistent signals from the District Building that "the Mayor and his staff were going to ignore the interests and concerns of the people who live at the east end of the Whitehurst commuter corridor." Formation of the advisory committee would permit the community to be ready to respond to City Hall whenever the opportunity or necessity arose. The committee has ten members, representing the fullest possible coverage of the area, and is co-chaired by Holsey Handyside and Maria Tyler.

2. *The final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) issued August 1. (A reading copy is available at the West End Library.)* A reading of the EIS has revealed that the Mayor and the District Government, confronted with a number of unhappy and vocal community groupings dissatisfied with re-design proposals advanced by the city for both the east and west ends of the Freeway, opted to focus exclusively on the re-design and rehabilitation of the center section.

Community proposals for the resolution of critical problems at both ends were rejected as too expensive and the concerns addressed in them were dismissed, or at least indefinitely postponed.

Consequently, three committee members consulted an attorney and a traffic engineer. They confirmed the focus of the City on the central stem of the Whitehurst, and pointed out that there was little that the advisory committee could do in the context of the EIS.

3. *The advisory committee continues to correspond with District officials.* In response to a request from District official Mr. Griffin for its ideas, the committee recommended that

## Meeting

## Foggy Bottom Association

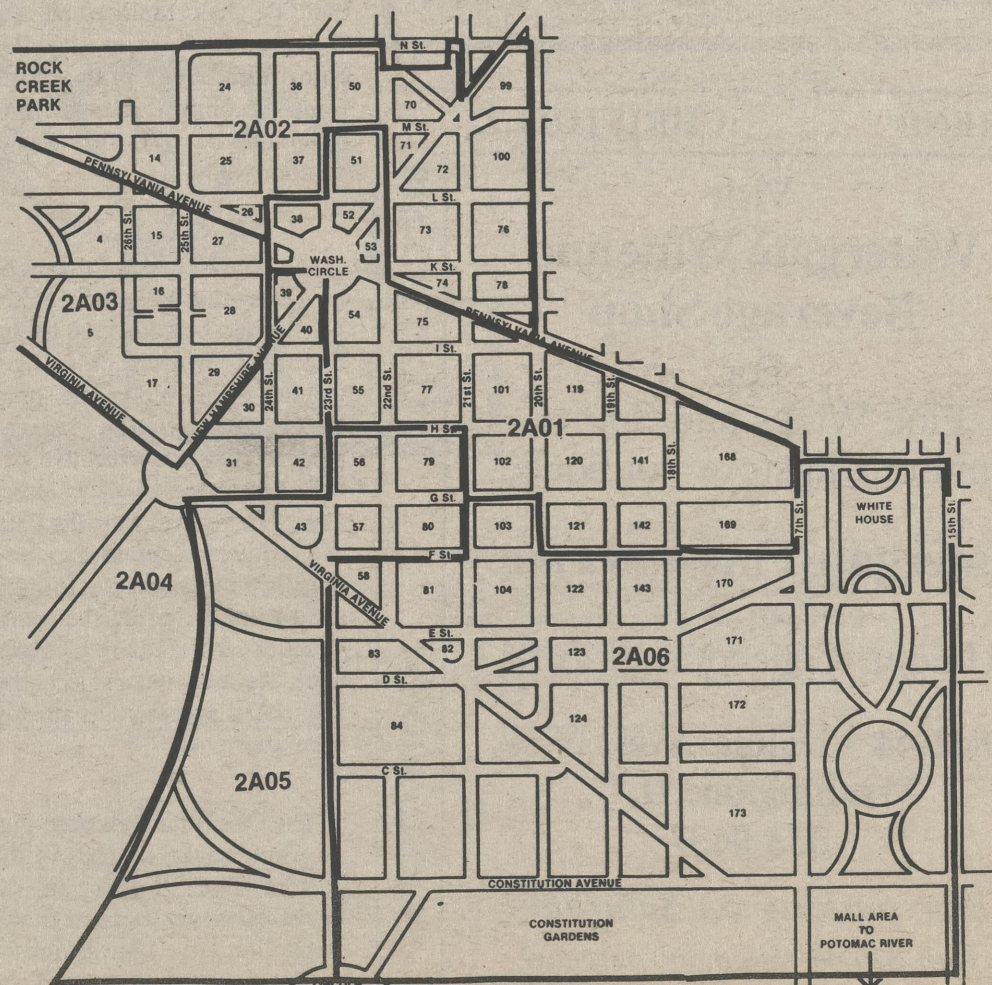
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OCTOBER 28

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## Informative Foggy Bottom West End Map

Last year we had an excellent suggestion made. It was a request that we publish our Foggy Bottom/West End map with tract square numbers and ANC districts. We agree it would be helpful to do this from time to time. Our thanks to the ANC which was our source for most of the information. Those who attend ANC meetings regularly see this map with ANC districts on it.

We are happy to supply this information for Stephen M. Lott and others. With the map it is easy to identify where the Foggy Bottom Historic District (recently heard before the Historic Preservation Review Board) will be; it will involve Squares 5, 16, 17, 28 and 29.



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## President's Message

By Robert C. Brewster

The FBA Executive Board met twice during the summer months. Among the matters discussed were formation of the Foggy Bottom/West End Community Advisory Committee on the Whitehurst Freeway, status of the bus ban, application for specific liquor licenses, *Foggy Bottom News* finances, membership in the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations, and procedures to be followed in reporting telephone polls of Board members.

Our 1985-1986 membership drive is now under way. As specified in the Bylaws, any person can become a member who (1) subscribes to the Association's objectives, (2) owns property or resides in the area encompassed by the Association's boundaries (generally those of the Foggy Bottom and West End ANC2A — see map on the front page), and (3) pays the \$5.00 dues. The objectives of the FBA are "to promote the restoration and rehabilitation

of Foggy Bottom and to further the civic, cultural, social and economic welfare of the community." This issue of the *Foggy Bottom News* contains a membership application/renewal form. We urge you to fill it out, cut it out, and send it together with a check for the \$5.00 dues and whatever tax-deductible contribution you may wish to make to the Treasurer, Richard Price, 2555 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Your support will be appreciated.

Speakers at the monthly meetings during the past year have included Councilmembers Wilson and Schwarz, Ombudsman Zagoria of *The Washington Post*, Deputy Mayor Downs, Administrator of the Public Space Maintenance Administration Hoey, and a representative of the National Building Museum. Who would you like to have speak to us in future months? I would welcome your suggestions. Please give me a call on 337-4956.

### FBA Meeting (from page 1)

the Department of Public Works and Transportation Division collect data about traffic origins and flows to permit engineers and the community-at-large to address the Whitehurst issues in an informed way. Mr. Handyside also called on the Department of Public Works to undertake the same level of detailed investigations on the East End that it had done for Georgetown and the West End.

4. *Mayor Barry decides to establish an East End Committee on the Whitehurst Freeway.* The Mayor's intention to establish an East End Committee on the Whitehurst Freeway was announced in a further letter from Mr. Griffin. It remains unclear what the Mayor's new committee is charged with. Mr. Handyside speculated on what the committee is *not*: "It is not a body to challenge or re-open the Mayor's Whitehurst decision." The District's approach apparently is to be to get the community to identify problem areas while the Department of Public Works will attempt to find inexpensive solutions to the problems.

Guest speaker was City Council Chairman David Clarke, who focused his comments on four areas. These included completion of re-districting; District budgeting; cable television; and the city's comprehensive plan. He stressed that he has maintained an "open policy" regarding the comprehensive plan, and wants to continue to hear from the public on ways that it can be approved.

Mr. Clarke stressed that concern over the Whitehurst Freeway should be addressed to the Executive Branch; the City Council will consider only budget appropriations for the project *after* the executive office determines policy directives. He believes that the City will require much more money than is now available for the project, and that further construction will require a bond issue. As a capital project, the Whitehurst Freeway has already been approved.

The Chairman indicated that he would make changes in the current D.C. Lottery if he could. However, because of the public initiative that established the lottery, both he and the City Council are reluctant to do so.

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Lower Embassy Row	November 9	2:00	Sheridan Circle, Massachusetts Avenue at 23rd NW
Dupont Circle	November 2	11:00	Center of Dupont Circle, SW Side
Adams-Morgan	November 2	3:30	Steps, All Souls Church 16th & Columbia, NW

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## Crimewatch

By Bob Alcorn

The newest block to be added to neighborhood crime watch is the 1000 block of 25th Street. Those signs will be going up very soon. We have two more blocks in the offing and as soon as the papers are filed those will be added. We thank all those who have already joined us and look forward to seeing more next month. Come on neighbors, don't you want to see those orange and black signs at the ends of your block?

I still wander through the neighborhood and see evidence that people in apartment houses are not watching their service and rear entrances. When there are outside workmen doing a job inside a building or people moving in or out, the doors are often left open and unattended. In two cases recently all it required was a quick call to the desk and the doors were closed. However, if you have no desk and your resident manager is off duty, it is very hard to get such a door locked. Residents in the building will be the ones eventually who will suffer.

I talked with Marty Clark at the 2nd District Police Station yesterday. She has given me a list of types of crimes which seem to be the highest over the last several months and continue to rank high this month. The interesting thing is that for

the second straight month the first crime happens to residents and not tourists or people attending school at GW or the theater at the Kennedy Center.

Theft from parked cars is our highest crime again this month. It is surprising what people leave in their cars in plain view for the passerby. Suitcases, cameras, and clothes I would expect from the tourist who knows no better but not from our neighbors. Ladies' purses too are seen and taken. Wallets, keys, watches, and rings in plain view on the dash board, stereos, are also taken. Friends, you must be more careful what you leave in your cars. Don't even leave things which can be seen from outside. Last year it was bags of dirty laundry. This year you seem to be arranging for our thieves to get better pickings.

The second most popular crime is theft from candy stores, small shops, and the like . . . and while we are not as concerned with this type of crime, they do happen in our area and there is the possibility that we could aid our merchants by looking for suspicious people in and around the shops as we pass by. These shops do serve us and this way perhaps we can help them.

The third most popular type

is opportunistic type of burglary. Mostly cash or jewelry are taken and they occur mostly in hotels, in apartment houses where people leave doors open and leave the scene for some reason or other, or who leave patio doors open for air and forget to shut or lock them. Or — in several cases I know of — windows were open all day through which the thief could climb, rob, go out in to the main hallway and have entrance to the entire building. Don't forget if you see someone who looks suspicious, report it.

Remember, if you have children, our policemen carry Red-skin trading cards (a new one each week) which they will give out to children. All the child has to do is to ask for one if the policeman is not busy or making an arrest. October 26 is Child Safety Day. Each precinct house will focus on children that day with free balloons, cokes, etc., and will photograph and fingerprint each child who wishes it. The activities will serve to alert parents how to teach children child safety.

Keep up the good work. I enjoy hearing from you all. See you at the next Foggy Bottom and ANC meetings?

## Jazzercise to Hold Benefit

The Jazzercise classes of northwest Washington will hold a benefit for the House of Ruth on Saturday, November 2, at St. Ann's Church gym at Tenley Circle, Wisconsin Avenue and Yuma Street. Our local Jazzercise teacher, Marianne Smith, is one of four instructors conducting the benefit exercise session from 10:15

till noon. The suggested donation is \$5.00, and all regular students of Marianne, Linda Horn, Anne Huskie and Leslie Aylor are especially invited to participate. A special invitation is extended as well to any other person who wants to hit two birds with one stone — get in a good exercise session *and* contribute to a good cause.

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## ANC Minutes

Meeting, September 10, 1985

1. **Hotel/Apartment Building, 2100 Block of L St.** The attorney and architect for the project reported that forty rental units on the top two floors are planned. The ANC felt there is no guarantee that the apartments would remain in long-term domiciliary use, and expressed concern about other aspects as well. A motion to reiterate the ANC's opposition passed.

2. **Liquor License for Somerset Market.** The ANC adopted a resolution of support for this application, subject to acceptance by the market of certain restrictions, similar to those imposed on the West End Market.

3. **Burns Medical Clinic.** The BZA vote on GWU's application to put an addition on the clinic was a tie; normally this would mean a denial, but there is some question about an absent member being allowed to vote. It was reported that the President Condominium is appealing a previous BZA decision regarding a variance request, and revenue bond funding for the clinic has been denied by the Council's Committee on Finance and Revenue.

Meeting, October 10, 1985

1. **Burns Medical Clinic.** Resolutions were passed reiterating ANC opposition to the clinic design (the most recent

revision is still too tall and too big); and to ask the BZA to reconsider the scope of the additional hearing on October 16 to allow the ANC to bring up additional issues for reconsideration.

2. **CSX Systems, Inc. Coal Truck Plan.** The ANC opposes the closing of the rail spur and the plan to truck coal to GSA's Georgetown heating plant along K Street.

3. The next meeting of the ANC will be held November 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Columbia Hospital for Women.

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The Public Service Commission (PSC) of the District of Columbia will be holding the following hearings in November.

On November 7, at 6:15 p.m. in the District Building the PSC will hold a second community hearing to allow interested persons to comment on the Potomac Electric Power Company's (PEPCO) Energy Use Management Program (Formal Case No. 834). PEPCO has stated that its Energy Use Management Program is designed to control growth in demand for electricity, and thereby deferring the need to build costly new electric power plants to serve customer needs.

Also on Thursday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m., the PSC will hold a community hearing in the District Building regarding the Application of C&P for authority to increase and restructure its schedule of rates and charges (Formal Case No. 827).

On Saturday, November 9 at 9:45 a.m. at the Congress Heights United Methodist Church on Alabama Avenue there will be a hearing to discuss the deregulation of the specialized customer premises equipment (CPE) of disabled persons (Formal Case No. 822). This includes such equipment as amplified handsets for speech and hearing, tone ringers and headset amplifiers. There will also be a discussion of the increase and restructure of rates and charges (Formal Case No. 827).

On Tuesday, November 12, there will be a hearing once again on Formal Case No. 827, regarding the rate structure for C&P. This hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Peoples Congregational Church on 13th Street.

Persons who want to testify should contact the PSC's Secretary, Mary B. Jordan, at the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia, 451 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Room No. 220, Washington, D.C. 20001 or telephone Ms. Jordan at (202) 727-3050. Requests to testify or a written statement should be submitted no later than noon on Tuesday, November 5, to the address listed above.

More detailed information on the hearings will be available at the FBA meeting.

## November 5 is Election Day

Those of us who live in Foggy Bottom (Ward 2), and who are registered to vote in the District of Columbia, are expected to exercise our franchise the first Tuesday in November.

This election has two parts — the first is to select school board representatives, and the

second is to vote for or against the rent control referendum. Below is a facsimile of the ballot to be used.

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Write-in, if any	•	+

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VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN ONE (1)

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FOR REFERENDUM MEASURE NO. 001	•	+
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## National Building Museum Opens

Those of you who attended the Foggy Bottom meeting last February remember the slide presentation on the newly renovated Pension Building, highlighting the Great Hall and other restoration work that has been done to the building. Well, the National Building Museum is officially open to the public. Located in the landmark Pension Building, it is the first in the United States to

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In addition to special exhibitions, the Museum offers "Construction Watch" tours which give you the opportunity to explore a variety of projects in different stages of comple-

tion. Future tours include the Smithsonian Quadrangle Complex on Jefferson Drive on November 5 and 7 and the Brickyard tour at the Glen-Gery brick plant in Manassas on November 2. The tour cost for the Smithsonian Complex is \$5.00 for members and \$8.00 for nonmembers and the charge for the brickyard tour is \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for nonmembers. For further information on these tours, call 272-2877.

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- is actively involved in community issues — zoning problems, historic preservation, the bus ban, the Whitehurst Freeway, and crime prevention.
- holds monthly meetings and occasional special events to hear speakers of interest, discuss issues, and foster

fellowship within the community.

- works closely with the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and interested city officials to maintain and improve the Foggy Bottom/West End neighborhood.

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## Preaching to Begin at at Local Church

Voices of Vision, an endowed preaching series at Western Presbyterian Church, will present Dr. Bryant Kirkland in two worship services on Wednesday, November 14. Dr. Kirkland is the pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. He is also the author of many books and has been honored by many colleges and universities with doctorates.

Dr. Kirkland's sermons on November 14 are entitled "The Adventure of Obedient Faith" and "How to Win a Reconciliation." The preaching series is in memory of former Western pastor, Dr. C. Stewart McKenzie, and is open to the public at no charge. For further information, call 842-0068.

## Bulk Trash Pick-ups

The Department of Public Works has scheduled bulk trash pick-ups for the weeks beginning on November 18, January 27 and March 17 in the Foggy Bottom area. This is the time to get rid of broken refrigerators, stoves, hot water heaters, box springs, sofas and other "bulky" items. Please place your bulk items at the regular trash collection point on the Monday morning of your scheduled week — not before, please.

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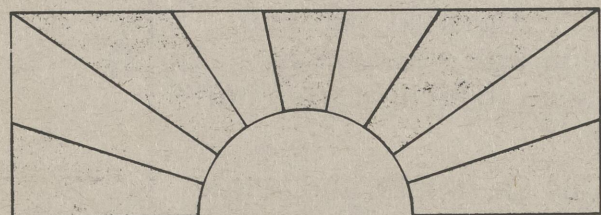
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